

Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the subject application.

Listing of Claims:

What is claimed is:

1. (currently amended) A method comprising:

providing a single logical physically distributed information system across one or more information systems of at least two enterprises; ~~the enterprises are being combined; and;~~

~~providing a user interface to access the single logical physically distributed information system to manage one or more restructuring related issues, the user interface is adapted to manage one or more deliverables associated with a restructuring.~~

providing an individually configurable user interface remotely connected to said single logical physically distributed information system; and

populating said individually configurable user interface with monitoring information and features regarding a corporate integration on said individually configurable user interface, comprising making a deal selection choice, planning an integration, executing a transaction, executing an integration, and making a post-integration assessment.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

providing an executive cockpit monitoring interface, a training management interface, a deliverables interface, a project managing interface, and a communications management interface on said individually configurable user interface; and

configuring said user interface with an object modeling tool to create business objects and a project modeling tool to create project modules.

~~further comprising: providing a user interface to integrate restructuring related projects and resources for at least one enterprise; providing a user interface to implement restructuring related projects and resources for at least one enterprise; and providing a user interface to manage training, planning, and communication activities.~~

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 2 wherein said executive cockpit monitoring interface further comprises a team roster, a task list, a shared folder, a meeting scheduler, an issue list, a decision list, an integration status, and a tracker tool ~~further comprising providing a user interface to use the single logical physically distributed information system to execute at least one of pre-restructuring and post-restructuring activities, the post-restructuring activities comprising a post restructuring assessment and a measurement of one or more achieved synergies.~~

4. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein:

said training management interface further comprises a repository to request, schedule, and monitor execution of training sessions, and a platform to facilitate training by functioning as a class repository, a master training scheduler, an electronic mailer, and as a training archive;

wherein the master training scheduler further comprises a department-specific scheduling service, a department-specific planning service, a role-specific planning service, and a role-specific scheduling service. ~~3 further comprising providing one or more user interfaces are adapted to a role of the user and a phase of the restructuring, a security of the one or more user interfaces being related to the role of the user and the phase of the restructuring, the role of the user comprising an executive role.~~

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein:

the deliverables interface further comprises a reference model, a methodology tracker, help tool contextual tools, a baseline of combined spending, a depletion plan, an organizational structure, a view of current capabilities, and a view of material synergies; and

providing a sub-deliverable interface comprising security permissions, one or more characteristics of a deliverables room, and the ability to generate and assign tasks in a synergy achievement ~~article of claim 5, wherein the operations further comprise: providing a virtual project room adapted for one or more executives of at least one of the organizations; and providing a common collaborative environment adapted for a plurality of merger members.~~

7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

providing a collaborative calendar displaying merger-related events, milestones, and facilitating training management system of claim 7, wherein the training management sub-module serves as a repository to request, schedule, and monitor an execution of one or more training sessions, and the training management sub module further provides a platform to facilitate one or more training processes.

9. (currently amended) The method system of claim 7 8, further comprising:

providing the collaborative calendar to monitor one or more rollout trainings and scheduling one or more services for a plurality of stakeholders, wherein

providing the collaborative calendar further comprises displaying information relating to at least one of a stakeholder role and a merger group, and is further adapted to allow an exchange of information with an external calendar tool wherein the training management sub-module comprises at least one of a training class repository, a master training scheduler, an electronic mailing service for training invitations, and an archive of on-line training, and the master training scheduler comprises at least one of a department-specific scheduling service, a department-specific planning service, a role specific scheduling service, and a role specific scheduling service.

10-27. (cancelled)

28. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 27, further comprising: wherein the

providing a selection on the individually configurable user interface that is adapted to allows a stakeholder to select a view of one or more lists of deliverables by at least one of a

meeting date or a task force, the user interface further being adapted to present a deliverables tracker reference session link.

29. (currently amended) The method of claim 28, further comprising; ~~wherein the~~

providing a view of one or more lists ~~comprises~~ including a meeting date, a time, a milestone, a location, and a deliverable information, the deliverable information comprising a name, a task force, a requester, an assignee, and a status.

30. (cancelled)

31. (new) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

configuring the individually configurable user interface based on the exchange of metadata by a security clearance of a user and the single logical physically distributed information system.

32. (new) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing for communication between the single logical physically distributed information system and the individually configurable user interface by using extensible markup language, web services, request for comments or transmission connect protocol/internet protocol.

33. (new) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

connecting the single logical physically distributed information system and the individually configurable user interface via an enterprise connector interface, internet communication manager/internet communications framework, or an encapsulated postscript.

34. (new) The method of claim 4, further comprising:

providing said training management interface to serve as a repository to request, schedule and monitor an execution of one or more web-based training sessions, and to facilitate one or more web-based training processes.

35. (new) A method, comprising:

providing a single logical physically distributed information system across one or more information systems of at least two enterprises;

providing an individually configurable user interface remotely connected to said single logical physically distributed information system; and

populating said individually configurable user interface with monitoring information and features regarding a corporate integration on said individually configurable user interface, comprising:

making a deal selection choice, including defining acquisition objectives, performing due diligence research, and identifying synergies, risks, and a realization plan;

planning an integration, including establishing short term and long term tasks and communicating goals and decisions to users;

executing a transaction, comprising structuring the acquisition by type, tax implication and legal issues;

executing an integration, including operating and managing integration projects and subprojects, designing a new organization, managing an integration of information technologies, human resources, financials, and procurements; and

making a post-integration assessment, including measuring achieved synergies, assessing potential improvements, and applying said assessment to future transactions.

36. (new) An article comprising a machine readable storage medium, storing instructions thereon operable to cause a machine to perform operations comprising:

providing a single logical physically distributed information system across one or more information systems of at least two enterprises;

providing an individually configurable interface remotely connected to said single logical physically distributed information system; and

populating the individually configurable user interface with monitoring information and features regarding a corporate integration on said user interface, comprising making a deal selection, planning an integration, executing a transaction, executing an integration, and making a post-integration assessment.

37. (new) The article of claim 36 comprising instructions operable to cause a machine to perform operations comprising:

providing an executive cockpit monitoring interface, a training management interface, a deliverables interface, a project managing interface, and a communications management interface on said individually configurable user interface; and

configuring said individually configurable user interface with an object modeling tool for creating business objects and a project modeling tool for creating project modules based on the user.

38. (new) The article of claim 37 comprising instructions operable to cause a machine to perform operations further comprising:

providing said executive cockpit monitoring interface further comprising a team roster, a task list, a shared folder, a meeting scheduler, an issue list, a decision list, an integration status, and a tracker tool.

39. (new) The article of claim 37 comprising instructions operable to cause a machine to perform operations further comprising:

providing said training management interface further comprising a repository to request, schedule, and monitor execution of training sessions, and a platform to facilitate training by functioning as a class repository, a master training scheduler, an electronic mailer, and as a training archive.

40. (new) The article of claim 37 comprising instructions operable to cause a machine to perform operations further comprising:

providing the deliverables interface further comprising a reference model, a methodology tracker, help tool contextual tools, a baseline of combined spending, a depletion plan, an organizational structure, a view of current capabilities, and a view of material synergies; and

providing a sub-deliverable interface comprising security permissions, one or more characteristics of the deliverables interface, and the ability to generate and assign tasks in a synergy achievement.

41. (new) The article of claim 37 comprising instructions operable to cause a machine to perform operations further comprising:

providing a collaborative calendar adapted for displaying merger-related events, milestones, and facilitate training management.

42. (new) The article of claim 41 comprising instructions operable to cause a machine to perform operations further comprising:

providing the collaborative calendar to monitor one or more rollout trainings and scheduling one or more services for a plurality of stakeholders, wherein

providing the calendar further comprises displaying information relating to at least one of a stakeholder role and a merger group, and is further adapted to allow an exchange of information with an external calendar tool.

43. (new) The article of claim 36 comprising instructions operable to cause a machine to perform operations further comprising:

providing a selection on the individually configurable user interface that allows a stakeholder to select a view of one or more lists of deliverables by a meeting date or a task force, the user interface further adapted to present a deliverables tracker reference session link.

44. (new) The article of claim 43 comprising instructions operable to cause a machine to perform operations further comprising:

providing a view of one or more lists including a meeting date, a time, a milestone, a location, and a deliverable information, the deliverable information comprising a name, a task force, a requester, an assignee, and a status.

45. (new) The article of claim 36 comprising instructions operable to cause a machine to perform operations further comprising:

configuring the individually configurable user interface based on an exchange of metadata by a security clearance of a user and the single logical physically distributed information system.

46. (new) The article of claim 36 comprising instructions operable to cause a machine to perform operations further comprising:

providing for communication between the single logical physically distributed information system and the individually configurable user interface using extensible markup language, web services, request for comments or transmission connect protocol/internet protocol.

47. (new) The article of claim 36 comprising instructions operable to cause a machine to perform operations further comprising:

connecting the single logical physically distributed information system and the individually configurable user interface via an enterprise connector interface, internet communication manager/internet communications framework, or an encapsulated postscript.

48. (new) The article of claim 39, further comprising:

providing said training management interface to serve as a repository to request, schedule and monitor an execution of one or more web-based training sessions, and to facilitate one or more web-based training processes.

49. (new) An article comprising a machine readable storage medium, storing instructions thereon operable to cause a machine to perform operations comprising:

providing a single logical physically distributed information system across one or more information systems of at least two enterprises;

providing an individually configurable user interface remotely connected to said single logical physically distributed information system; and

populating the individually configurable user interface with monitoring information and features regarding a corporate integration on said user interface, comprising:

making a deal selection choice, including defining acquisition objectives, performing due diligence research, and identifying synergies, risks, and a realization plan;

planning an integration, including establishing short term and long term tasks and communicating goals and decisions to users;

executing a transaction, including structuring the acquisition by type, tax implication and legal issues;

executing an integration, including operating and managing integration projects and subprojects, designing a new organization, managing an integration of information technologies, human resources, financials, and procurements; and

making a post-integration assessment, including measuring achieved synergies, assessing potential improvements, and applying said assessment to future transactions.